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SUBJ: UNITA PRESS CONFERENCE KINSHASA, AUGUST 21, 1975

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1. UNITA ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAKUMBI AT KINSHASA PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 21 EXPLANIED HIS MOVE-
MENT'S VIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND HANDED OUT COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED AT MEETING OF UNITA CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS AT SILVA-
PORTO AUGUST 20. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS MADE AT
CONFERENCE AND IN COMMUNIQUE:

2. NETO CLIQUE IN MPLA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING UNITA INTO
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FIGHTING. SINCE JUNE 4 MASSACRE OF 45 UNITA RECRUITS, MPLA ATTACKS
ON UNITA HAVE NOT CEASED. UNITA WILL FIGHT AS LONG AS ATTACKED.

DIALOGUE WITH MPAL ALWAYS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT WITH NETO CLIQUE WHICH NEVER KEEPS WORK AND WHICH FEARS BALLOT BOX, PLACING CONFIDENCE RATHER IN SOVIET MISSILES AND SOVIET BLOC ARMS. SOVIET SHIP HAS BEEN SEEN FIRING ON MAINLAND FROM LUANDA HARBOR. NETO CLIQUE ALSO RECEIVED OPEN GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FROM MOSCOW-DIRECTED PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OF VASCO GONCALVES. MPLA LEADER SHOWED TRUE REACTIONARY COLOR IN USING 300 EX-KATANGA GENDARMES. GENDARMES USED AGAINST UNITA FORCES AT LUSO AUGUST 15-17. MPLA ALSO SUPPORTED BY TROOPS OF A "NEWLY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATE".

3. UNITA HAS ENTERED INTO NO ALLIANCE WITH OR AGAINST OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SIMULTANEOUS MPLA ATTACKS ON UNITA AND FNLA SIMPLY CAUSED TWO MOVEMENTS TO REACT TOGETHER. FNLA HAS NEVER ATTACKED UNITA AND HAS ALWAYS HONORED SIGNED ACCORDS.

4. UNITA REJECTS NOTION OF UDI. WILL TAKE PART IN NO GOVERNMENT AIMED AT DIVIDING COUNTRY, BUT WILL USE FORCE TO REGAIN TERRITORY WHICH IT FORMERLY OCCUPIED. REMAINS OPEN TO DIALOGUE WITH OTHER MOVEMENTS, BUT WILL INSIST THAT ACCORDS REACHED BE RESPECTED. ONLY CESSATION OF FIGHTING CAN OPEN DOOR TO DIALOGUE. UNITA WILL SUPPORT ANY OAU EFFORT AIMED AT PREVENTING BALKANIZATION OR USELESS BLOOD SHED.

5. OAU, AFRICAN NEIGHBORS, AND FRIENDS WORLDWIDE ARE WARNED AGAINST RECOGNITION OF MINORITY REGIME IN ANGOLA.

6. UNITA RECOGNIZES EXISTENCE OF PROBLEM IN CABINDA BUT BELIEVES ATTENTION CAN BE GIVEN IT ONLY AFTER PEACE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ANGOLA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT:

7. THOUGH APPARENTLY UNWILLING AS YET TO ABANDON HIS CENTER POSITION, SAVIMBI SEEMS NEVERTHELESS TO REALIZE THAT HE CAN'T DO BUSINESS WITH NETO. PITCH IS TO MODERATE ELEMENTS ALLEGED STILL TO EXIST IN MPLA. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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